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# UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No. 010905  
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Title JOINT BRACES ...  
Express Mail Label No. EK917134425 US

## APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. ☒ Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 54]  
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
  - Descriptive title of the invention
  - Cross Reference to Related Applications
  - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
  - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
  - Background of the Invention
  - Brief Summary of the Invention
  - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
  - Detailed Description
  - Claim(s)
  - Abstract of the Disclosure
4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 42]
5. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 3]
  - a. ☒ Newly executed (original or copy)  
Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63 (d))  
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
  - b. ☐ DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)  
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named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. ☒ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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7. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)
  - a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)
  - b. Specification Sequence Listing on:
    - i. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
    - ii. ☐ paper
  - c. ☐ Statements verifying identity of above copies

## ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee) ☐ Power of Attorney
11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
13. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
14. ☐ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (Should be specifically itemized)
15. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (if foreign priority is claimed)
16. ☐ Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.
17. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:


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See 37 CFR 1.27

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Large Entity Fee Code	Small Entity Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
101	201	710	355	Utility filing fee	<u>355</u>
106	206	320	160	Design filing fee	
107	207	490	245	Plant filing fee	
108	208	710	355	Reissue filing fee	
114	214	150	75	Provisional filing fee	

**SUBTOTAL (1)** (\$) 355**2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES**

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
19	-20** = 0	X	0
3	-3** = 0	X	0
Multiple Dependent			0

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103	203	18	9	Claims in excess of 20
102	202	80	40	Independent claims in excess of 3
104	204	270	135	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109	209	80	40	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	210	18	9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

**SUBTOTAL (2)** (\$) 0

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**FEE CALCULATION (continued)****3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

Large Entity Fee Code	Small Entity Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
105	205	130	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127	227	50	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139	139	130	130	Non-English specification	
147	147	2,520	2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
112	112	920*	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	113	1,840*	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	215	110	55	Extension for reply within first month	
116	216	390	195	Extension for reply within second month	
117	217	890	445	Extension for reply within third month	
118	218	1,390	695	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	228	1,890	945	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	219	310	155	Notice of Appeal	
120	220	310	155	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	221	270	135	Request for oral hearing	
138	138	1,510	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	240	110	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	241	1,240	620	Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	242	1,240	620	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	243	440	220	Design issue fee	
144	244	600	300	Plant issue fee	
122	122	130	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	123	50	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
126	126	180	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581	581	40	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146	246	710	355	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
149	249	710	355	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
179	279	710	355	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
169	169	900	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other fee (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

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